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in case you havent seen this yet. deadline v. short (all ORD comments to OCFO by this friday 8/10, comments to OSP (Cindy Roberts) by COB tomorrow.

Cindy has asked for an extension, but I am pessimistic on this front.

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All,

As a follow-up email regarding the subject GAO Draft Report on hydraulic fracturing, OSP will be collecting and coordinating comments across ORD. ORMA is trying to get an exact due date from OCFO for when ORD's comments will be due to them. However, due to a short turnaround time to GAO, we

should assume that our comments will be due to OCFO no later than this week. OCFO has the responsibility for consolidating Agency-wide comments that will take extensive coordination on their part.

As soon as we get additional information, including an exact due date from OCFO, we will notify you.

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Didn't read the due date carefully.
We have just two weeks to get comments back to GAO..
That is comments are due to GAO on Monday, August 20, 2012.

Norm,

GAO has just sent us the draft report for the other fracking job JC 361350 (Energy Resources and Risks Associated with Hydraulic Fracturing).
It is attached below. As the lead office, we ask that you coordinate the response process and consolidate any technical error corrections, comments, or suggestions for GAO.
Consolidated comments are due back to the GAO Liaison Team by Sept 4th. GAO by Aug 20th.

GAO is not making any recommendations for this report (neither EPA nor anyone else).
This one is only 74 pages cover to cover.
If we do not want to send a formal response to this report (as is typical for reports without recommendations) we can send comments to GAO via email.

Thanks,
Mark

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August, 6, 2012
The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Ms. Jackson:

Attached is a copy of our proposed report entitled Oil and Gas: Information on Shale Resources, Development, and Environmental and Public Health Risks (GAO-12-732). We are providing this draft for your review and comment before the report is issued. Our work was done under engagement code 361350.

We would like to obtain the department's comments from you or your designated representative by August 20, 2012. These comments will be reflected in the final report. We prefer written comments and request that they be provided electronically. However, we will accept comments provided in hard copy, orally, or in an unsigned e-mail message. Please direct all comments and any questions you may have concerning this draft to Christine Kehr, Assistant Director, (214) 777-5675 or (KehrC@gao.gov) or Jay Spaan, Analyst In Charge, (214) 777-5636 or (SpaanJ@gao.gov).

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Sincerely yours,

Frank Rusco
Director, Natural Resources and Environment

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